

ARKANSAS TITLE XXI PROGRAM FACT SHEET

Name of Plan: **ARKids B**

Date Plan Submitted: May 6, 1998
Date Plan Approved: August 6, 1998
Date Plan Effective: October 1, 1998

Date Amendment #1 Submitted: December 4, 1998
Date Amendment #1 Approved: February 16, 2001
Date Amendment #1 Effective: January 1, 2001 (not implemented)

Date Amendment #2 Submitted: July 10, 2002
Date Amendment #2 Withdrawn: April 15, 2004

Date Amendment #3 Submitted: April 2, 2004
Date Amendment #3 Approved: June 30, 2004
Date Amendment #3 Effective: July 1, 2003

Background

- On May 6, 1998, Arkansas submitted a Title XXI plan to expand Medicaid eligibility to children born after September 30, 1982, and prior to October 1, 1983, whose family income is at or below 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- Arkansas also has a Medicaid section 1115 demonstration, called ARKids B, which was implemented on September 1, 1997, to cover uninsured children through age 18 with family income up to 200 percent of the FPL who do not qualify under the State Medicaid plan. The State may claim title XXI funds for children enrolled in the ARKids B demonstration who are not eligible for the mandatory Medicaid group. As of September 30, 2002, this is the only population of children in the State's SCHIP Medicaid expansion program.
- The State submitted its first amendment to the SCHIP state plan on December 4, 1998, to establish a separate child health program as a new component of ARKids B. This amendment was never implemented and the State's third amendment revises the state plan to remove this component.
- The State submitted its second amendment on July 2, 2002, to move children from the ARKids B demonstration to the State's approved, but not implemented, separate child health program. This amendment was withdrawn April 15, 2004.

- The State submitted its third amendment on April 2, 2004, to add coverage for unborn children with family incomes up to and including 200 percent of the FPL who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid. Coverage is under a separate child health program and will include prenatal care and associated health services for children from conception through birth. This amendment also removes the State's separate child health program that was approved with the second amendment (but not implemented) and updates the State plan to indicate compliance with the final SCHIP regulations.

Children Covered Under Program

- The State reported that 1,912 children were ever enrolled in the program during Federal fiscal year 2002.

Administration

- The Division of Medical Services, the single State agency, administers the program.

Health Care Delivery System

- The delivery system is the same for Medicaid and SCHIP. This system is a primary care case management program called ConnectCare.

Benefit Package

- Children in the SCHIP Medicaid expansion program receive the ARKids B Medicaid section 1115 demonstration benefit package.
- The Medicaid benefit package is provided to unborn children.

Cost Sharing

- Children enrolled in the SCHIP Medicaid expansion program pay the ARKids B Medicaid section 1115 demonstration cost sharing: copayments are required for prescription drugs (\$5), office visits other than well-child visits (\$10), durable medical equipment (20 percent of the Medicaid-allowed amount) and the first inpatient day (20 percent of the Medicaid per diem cost).
- There is no cost sharing for unborn children.

Outreach Activities

- The State has a contract with Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families to conduct a targeted outreach campaign. This organization provides information, training, and materials to grassroots organizations that are in daily contact with the targeted population.

- The State also has a contract with the Arkansas Department of Health to provide information to applicants and recipients through a media campaign and a 24-hour toll-free telephone Help Line Service. The Help Line Service responds to questions received from applicants, recipients, and providers, concerning eligibility, access, enrollment, rights and responsibilities and other issues.

Financial Information

Total FFY 2004 SCHIP Allotment -- \$35,073,372

FFY 2004 Enhanced Federal Matching Rate -- 82.27%

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